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TAGS: SNAR,

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF

FOR AMBASSADOR MACOMBER FROM HANDLEY

1. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF, WITH WHOM I HAVE MANY CONTACTS ON NARCOTICS QUESTIONS AND WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS PROBLEM, OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DURING THE 93RD CONGRESS, TELEPHONED ME TODAY TO SAY HE WILL BE STOPPING IN ISTANBUL ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL. HE ARRIVES ON PAN AMERICAN 110 FROM NEW YORK AND WILL BE LEAVING FOR ISRAEL ON THY 996 ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 1:00 P.M..

2. WOLFF SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO SOME OF OUR PEOPLE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO SOMEONE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE TURKISH SIDE TO DETERMINE WHAT THEIR NEW POSITION IS GOING TO BE. I DISCOURAGED HIM FROM MAKING CONTACT WITH TURKS, TOLD HIM THAT THE SITUATION IS QUITE DELICATE, THAT WITH FORMER
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PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL BEING ASKED TO FORM GOVERNMENT,

WOLFF WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS. I SUGGESTED THAT, IF ASKED, HE WOULD TAKE THE LINE THAT AS CONGRESSMAN FROM NEW YORK CITY HE CAN SPEAK FROM FIRST-HAND OF GREAT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY TURKS TO STEM HEROIN FLOW TO U.S.; THAT HE WOULD HOPE THAT BAN WOULD CONTINUE AND WAS AWARE THAT TURKS, WITH U.S.

ASSISTANCE, WORKING ASSIDUOUSLY TO FIND BETTER WAY OF LIFE FOR THOSE TURKS WHO FORMERLY ENGAGED IN RAISING OPIUM.

3. HE HOPES THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE HIM FULL BRIEFING IN ISTANBUL, INCLUDING DEA PERSONNEL. SUGGEST THAT SOMEONE FROM EMBASSY ANKARA GO DOWN TO SEE HIM AS WELL. AS YOU KNOW, HE IS KEY MAN AND CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN GETTING SUPPORT FOR ONGOING EFFORTS TO HELP GOT MAINTAIN ITS BAN. SHOULD APPROPRIATE GOT OFFICIAL BE AVAILABLE, YOU MAY WISH ARRANGE MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN. CASEY

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